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For: SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF HARMFUL MATERIALS IN AN INCOMING MAIL  
 STREAM

Enclosed are:

29 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.  
 13 sheets of drawing.  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
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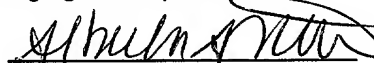
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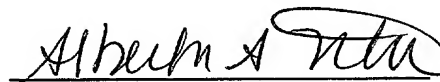
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